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To: Scoping Respondents and Other Interested Individuals, Organizations and Agencies

I am pleased to provide you with, and invite your comments on, the enclosed Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Northern Storrie Watersheds Invasive Plant Management Project (Storrie Invasive Project). The Almanor Ranger District of the Lassen National Forest has prepared this EA to present the environmental consequences of the Proposed Action analyzed in detail. A comment period is being provided for this EA pursuant to 36 CFR 218.22 and is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this action an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official on the alternatives analyzed in detail. An electronic version of the EA document and maps can be found at the Lassen National Forest website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/lassen/landmanagement/projects>

The Storrie Invasive project area encompasses approximately 13,617 acres within the east-central portion of the ALRD, approximately 4 miles south of State Highway 36, approximately 8 miles southwest of Chester, spanning Plumas and Butte Counties. Important drainages in the area include Yellow and Butt Creeks, tributaries to the North Fork Feather River, as well as Butte and Colby Creeks, tributaries to the Sacramento River. Maps showing the location of the project and the proposed treatment areas are found in Appendix A of the EA. The project includes portions of Township (T) 27 North (N), Range (R) 4 East (E), Section 34, T27N. R5E, Sections 1-4, 10, 17-21, and T26N, R6E, Sections 2, 6 of the Mount Diablo Meridian.

The Forest Service is proposing to treat priority invasive plant infestations on up to 8 acres within 13,617 acres of LNF lands annually, using a combination of manual, cultural and chemical methods.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the *Lassen County Times*. Because print editions of this “newspaper of record” are no longer available, the date of publication on the website at lassennews.com is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. You should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Moreover, the regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period (36 CFR 218.25(a)(1)(iv)).

Comments, written or oral, may be submitted to: Russell Nickerson, District Ranger, Almanor Ranger District, 900 E. Hwy 36, PO Box 767, Chester, CA. 96020, (530) 258-5110. The



Almanor Ranger District office is currently closed to visitors; however, phone messages are checked regularly so arrangements can be made for accepting oral comments. Comments may also be faxed to (530) 258-5194.

Electronic comments, in acceptable PDF, rich text (.rtf), or Word (.doc) formats, may be submitted to: comments-pacificsouthwest-lassen-almanor@usda.gov with Subject: Northern Storrie Watersheds Invasive Plant Management Project.

For additional information regarding this project, please contact Allison Sanger at allison.sanger@usda.gov. A decision on this project is expected in the summer of 2021.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the Lassen National Forest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deb Bumpus".

DEB BUMPUS
Forest Supervisor